

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-17 cancelled.

18. (Previously Presented) A formwork system for forming a transition of reinforcement between a concrete component and an adjacent concrete component in a connecting direction or to a front side of a concrete formwork, the system comprising:

two formwork elements comprising parallel flat vertically oriented formwork shells;

a central element disposed between the formwork elements proximate at an end of the formwork elements and defining gaps between the central element and the formwork shells, the gaps being disposed on opposite sides of the central element, the central element being formed by two mutually displaceable or pivotable semi-shells wherein each semi-shell comprises at least one lug, each lug being penetrable in a vertical direction;

at least one wedge rod, the wedge rod having wedge arms for passing through the lugs, and wherein the wedge arms and lugs interact such that driving the wedge rod up and/or down moves the semi-shells away from one another or towards one another and, wherein the movement of the semi-shells takes place in a horizontal direction perpendicular to the connection direction;

a plurality of spacers disposed in the gaps and on both the central element and the shells, said spacers being aligned, facing one another and configured for enabling stacking of the spacers on one another; and

elastic sealing lips disposed on at least one of abutting spacers for preventing passage of liquid concrete.

Claims 19-21 cancelled.

22. (Currently Amended) A formwork system for forming a transition of reinforcement between a concrete component and an adjacent concrete component in a connecting direction or to a front side of a concrete formwork, the system comprising:

two formwork elements comprising parallel flat vertically oriented formwork shells;

a central element disposed between the formwork elements proximate at an end of the formwork elements and defining gaps between the central element and the formwork shells, the gaps being disposed on opposite sides of the central element;

a plurality of spacers disposed in the gaps and on both the central element and the shells, said spacers being aligned, facing one another and each spacer having a stepped profile, with an abutment surface having a flat first side, and having four straight, parallel rails on the second side, the rails having a hook-shaped cross-section; and

elastic sealing lips disposed on at least one of abutting spacers for preventing passage of liquid concrete.